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April 10, 2019

Patricia J. Britt, Clerk of Council Cleveland City Hall 601 Lakeside Avenue N.E., Room 216 Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear Patricia J. Britt,

On April 4, 2019, the Board of Elections received for signature examination an initiative petition from the Clerk of Cleveland City Council regarding lead poisoning conditions in rental units within the City. On April 9, 2019, Board staff concluded its examination and determined that the petition contains six thousand five hundred and thirty (6,530) valid signatures, substantially more than the five-thousand (5,000) signature minimum required by the City Charter.

However, the Board has some concerns regarding the petitions and the statutory requirement set forth in R.C. 3501.38(J). While the issue of the validity of the signatures, and not the petitions, is that which is currently before the Board, we wanted to bring this potential issue to your attention.

If you have any further questions, or would like to discuss, feel free to contact my office at (216) 443-3280.

Sincerely,

Anthony W. Perlatti

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Director, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections